

FOR: DIRECTOR of Central Intelligence

Mr. McNamara

Pursuant to your oral request, attached is a summary of the activities of Opa-Loche (Gabricin), referred to by the Intelligence Community, which has been considered as possibly being involved in newest developments inside Cuba.

Obviously these are not definitive but they are all we have been able to pick up. A continuing watch is being kept on all new reporting and anything significant immediately will be called to your personal attention.

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1. The Soviet military reported a Soviet military column of 20 Soviet-driven trucks and 20 foot long trailers, moving northward. Upon arrival at Ciudad Libertad, the column was stopped and the trucks were loaded with large missiles which extended over the rear of the trucks. The missiles were, over what appeared to be wood framing, the silhouette of what source believed were the firing edge of the missile. The rear of the silhouette, which resembled a SA-2.

The SA-2 "THUNDER" is a vertically launched, liquid propellant missile with a range of 700 to 700 miles.

2. In March 1962 two rockets were observed at the military warehouse in Las Villas Province. Uncovered rockets were visible where canvas covers had been rolled up and at the side of the rockets. (Field Report: The above rocket in a technical manual as a rocket, identifying the identification by saying that it was mounted on a tracked amphibious carrier, and have the bulbous tip shown in the photograph, rounded configuration of a (3. calib. 100). 5 October 62).

TFW/Intel R/Comment: The FROG (Frog Rocket) is a guided missile which is mounted on a chassis, sometimes carried with the SA-2. TO-SURFACE missile "SCUD", which is also mounted on a chassis. The FROG has a range of 1,000 miles.

3. At 1100 hours 9 August 62 an anti-aircraft gun and numerous Soviet vehicles between Minacas and Las Villas Province, proceeding northwest on the National Highway. The vehicles in the convoy consisted of 10 Soviet trucks and Low-Boy type trailers, about 15 of which were carrying JS model tanks, and "tank-like" vehicles with mobility with long canvas-covered rectangular objects on top of tank frame, possibly identified as a JS tank chassis modified for transport of 2 "THUNDER" or "THUNDER" MISSILES, or Bridge-Laying purposes." The vehicles were apparently young Soviet types.

A canvas-covered tank chassis would have approximately the same configuration for a bridge-layer unit, the Rocket, or SA-2 "THUNDER" or "THUNDER" missile. The SA-2 is a liquid stage, solid propellant, mounted on the chassis of a JS tank series. The "THUNDER" has a maximum range of 700 miles; the near to JS vehicle is the SA-2.

4. Two flat bed trailers were used to transport a 1,000 mile range rocket. The vehicle was in Santiago de Cuba (no date given) in the direction of Juan Serrano, Oriente Province. (RRS-4/100,000, 30 July 1961)

5. On 4 or 5 July 1961 an untested rocket was being served a cleared area approximately 30 miles from Pinar del Rio Province. Along with the rocket were several girders, was on the flatbed of a trailer truck. The object was attached to the trailer truck. The object was attached to a heavy chain which was attached to a mounted crane parked nearby. The object was a launcher of some type. It was approximately 10 feet long and 13-15" wide, 44" in diameter. (OO-K-3/118,381, 31 August 1961)

In August 1961 an untested rocket was being served a rocket-launching site and a large tunnel on the ranch of Dr. Jose M. Serrano, one of three high hills in the immediate area. (OO-K-3,123,588, 18 August 1962)

6. On 19 September 1962, a rocket was being served a large Intercontinental Rocket, the SS-4, was loaded from the ship. (RRS-4/100,000, 19 September 1962) that a source observed SA-2 missiles.

7. At 0700 hours 18 September 1962, a train of 17 September 1962, train of 17 September 1962, (Oriente) railroad station. The train was transporting equipment "which look like" equipment which might have been for the SS-4. The equipment were described as "about 25 to 30 feet in diameter, 3 1/2 feet in diameter." The missiles were 10 feet long, each car was carrying two of these missiles. There was a train to determine the destination of the train. On 17 or 18 September two farmers were overheard to say in their conversation about a rocket base later constructed at Niquero. Some of the equipment was the SS-4, which appeared in the Army Test. The source said, in essence, "the object they saw was a rocket, but the SS-4, however, was only about 25 to 30 feet in diameter and much blunter nose section."

The SS-4 "SS-4" is a single stage, vertically launched, liquid propelled, solid ball, the SS-4 is similar in many ways to the SS-4. The SS-4 has a range of 500 to 700 nautical miles.)

8. According to the Cuban Report, 1961, the Revolutionary Directorate, 23 Sept 1961, the principal Soviet stronghold in Matanzas Province, Yumuri Valley, about 1 mile from the city of Matanzas Province, and about 5 miles west of the City of Matanzas. Construction was begun about a year ago and a number of these tunnels can be found in the city of Matanzas and 8 or 10 feet in height. Their length is believed to be 100 to 150 feet. They are believed to be of great destructive power..." (INEM) of great destructive power..."

